

the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

§ 57.3803 Who is eligible to apply for a cooperative agreement?

(a) Any public or nonprofit private school of medicine or osteopathy located in a State is eligible to submit a proposal.

(b) More than one accredited school of medicine or osteopathy may submit a joint proposal for the planning, development and operation of an area health education center program. In this case, each school must conduct the activities required by section 781(c) of the Act and § 57.3804(d) of these regulations.

§ 57.3804 Project requirements.

A project supported under this subpart must be conducted in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) Each area health education center program must have a program director who holds a faculty appointment at a medical or osteopathic school participating in the program and who is responsible for the overall direction and coordination of the program.

(b) Each area health education center program must have a program advisory committee to advise the program director on all aspects of the conduct of the program including administration, education and evaluation. This committee must include representatives of schools and programs of health professions which actively participate in the area health education center program under § 57.3804(d)(5) of this subpart and section 781(c)(4) of the Act, individuals with training and experience in the fields of medicine or osteopathy, dentistry, nursing, and an allied health profession, as well as a representative of each of the centers cooperating in the program.

(c) Each area health education center program must annually evaluate its activities to ascertain the extent to which it is meeting the purposes described in section 781(a) of the Act.

(d) *Requirements for schools of medicine or osteopathy.* A school of medicine or osteopathy participating in an area health education program (with the exception of a school whose only function

is to provide resources by purchase agreement to a center) must meet the following requirements. However, a school of medicine or osteopathy must fulfill the requirement of § 57.3804(d)(4) only if no other school of medicine or osteopathy participating in the program meets this requirement. Each school of medicine or osteopathy must:

(1) Have a cooperative arrangement with an area health education center, as evidenced by a written agreement. This agreement must provide at a minimum that the schools participating in the program will perform the following functions:

(i) Provide faculty to assist in the conduct of the center's educational activities, as necessary;

(ii) Provide an agreed upon amount of funds to the center to assist the center in meeting the costs of its activities, including those described in section 781(d)(2) of the Act;

(iii) Be responsible for the quality of the education received in the center, including evaluating the quality of the educational programs required by section 781(d)(2) of the Act and the performance of its students while receiving clinical training in the center. The area health education center must agree to conduct the activities described in section 781(d)(2) of the Act and these regulations, and assist the schools participating in the program in meeting the requirements in section 781(c) of the Act and these regulations.

(2) Provide for the active participation in the program by individuals who are associated with the administration of the school, and staff or faculty members of each of the departments (or specialties if the school has no departments) of internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, surgery, psychiatry and family medicine. These persons may participate in the program in either the school or center and must perform, among others, the following functions: provide guidance on educational program or curriculum development and operation; instruct students (including residents and other practicing health professionals); perform student or program evaluation; and assist in program administration.